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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT : Possible Topic of Conversation with
[REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] military aid restrictions on Chile by the U.S. Congress designed to encourage the Chilean Junta to liberalize its approach to human rights was not having the desired effect. The Junta's conviction that harsh measures were necessary for self-protection plus the din of continued protestations from the U.S. and elsewhere on human rights issues caused the Junta to turn a deaf ear. [REDACTED] decided, [REDACTED] that an effort should be made [REDACTED] to open the ears of the Junta to the need for a better image. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] convinced [REDACTED] one of the members of the Junta, that the Chilean Government should take certain measures to improve its image, among them: proscription of all forms of torture; placement of military courts on a peacetime basis with right of appeal, habeas corpus, etc.; prompt notification of third parties about arrests for subversive activities, including families, interested diplomatic missions, etc. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] President Pinochet agreed with most of the arguments on human rights issue and said that he would make a statement in a major speech scheduled for 31 December. Pinochet's 31 December speech did not mention any significant human rights concessions, however.

2. [REDACTED] Colonel Contreras was the only senior official who had voiced strong objections to any relaxation in present tough security practices.

3. Having the above facts in mind, the DDCI may want to exercise some persuasive influence on [REDACTED] in favor of liberalizing practices involving human rights that would not have a serious effect on Junta control of subversive elements. It should be noted that [REDACTED] recently reported [REDACTED] that the MIR, extreme left elements of the Socialist Party, and smaller left extremist groups have been crushed

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through the Government's counter-terrorist campaign. The Chilean Government will now focus on the Communist Party of Chile. [REDACTED] the security situation in Chile is much less serious than it was.

signed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Acting Chief
Latin America Division

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